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# Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Richard G. Hutson

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 71-74 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 71-74 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114.

Applicant's submission filed on 3/11/2005 has been entered.

Applicants addition of new claims 73 and 74 in the paper of 3/11/2005, is acknowledged. Applicants' arguments filed on 3/11/2005 have been fully considered and are deemed to be persuasive to overcome some of the rejections previously applied. Rejections and/or objections not reiterated from previous office actions are hereby withdrawn. Claims 71-74 are still at issue and are present for examination.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 71-74 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to

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reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

The rejection of claims 71 and 72 for containing new matter was made in the previous office action and is repeated below for applicants convenience.

Applicants previous amendment of claim 71 (claim 72 dependent from) which recites "...none of said somatic mammalian cells in said preparation is genetically modified to express heparanase" is not supported by the specification at the time of filing and thus considered new matter.

Applicants continue to argue this rejection on the basis that the subject application necessarily shows that exemplified cells are not genetically modified to express heparanase and the examiner has not met the burden of explaining why this disclosure is not adequate. Applicants further argue that to satisfy the written description requirement, disclosure can be implicit or inherent.

As previously stated, while it is appreciated that applicants do describe species and examples of encompassed biological preparations that are not necessarily genetically modified cells, applicants do not have support for the **negative limitation** that none of said cells is genetically modified.

Using applicants logic, applicants could attempt to describe any of a number of limitations that were inherent to the disclosed examples, to carve out a claimed subgenus of biological preparations. The 112 first paragraph requirement for written description does not allow such. Applicants disclosure must support the newly claimed subgenus, which while applicants do disclose

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examples which fall within this subgenus, as well as an infinite number of additional subgenres, applicants do not adequately describe the subgenus of those biological preparations in which "none of said cells is genetically modified to express heparanase.

The mere inherency or implicitness of a limitation is not necessarily adequately described without some showing that applicants were in possession of this newly claimed subgenus.

Claims 71-74 are further rejected under this statute for containing new matter as the limitation of those biological preparations comprising "ex vivo somatic mammalian cells" are not supported by the specification at the time of filing and considered new matter. As discussed above for claims 71 and 72 applicants are requested to show support that applicants were in possession at the time of filing of those subgenres of biological preparations drawn to cells which are "ex vivo", "somatic" and "mammalian".

***Remarks***

No claim is allowed.

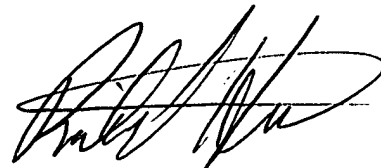
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard G Hutson whose telephone number

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is (571) 272-0930. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ponnathapu Achutamurthy can be reached on (571) 272-0928. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard G. Hutson', with a stylized, overlapping flourish at the end.

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